# WYOMING—BANNER SHEEP STATE OF UNION

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Wyoming's Record During the Year 1907.	
Population (estimated)	\$ 125,000.00
Bank deposits, private, state and national banks	
Increase over 1906	500,000.00
Deposits, per capita	130.00
Receipts, rental state lands	149,919.34
Area of state, square miles	97,980.00
Area that can be irrigated, acres	9,800,000.00
Area subject to entry under U. S. laws, acres	48,000,000.00
Lands reclaimed, acres	20,000,00
Permits for new ditches	1,723.00
Total cost of irrigation works, completed and under way	35,000,000.00
I Value of farm and grazing lands	26,000,000.00
Value of all property, as returned for assessment	54,413,111.38
Increase over 1906	0,130,310,11
State's bonded debt	180,000.00
Decrease from 1906	20,000.00
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What Wyoming Produced in 1907.	47 000 000 00
Coal, 6,550,000 (estimated) tons	17,000,000.00
I Iron 700.000 tons	100,000,00
I Gold	100,000,00
1 Conner	450,000,00
1 Building stone only etc	100,000,00
1 Silver	#10*1000×100
Total mineral production	18,375,000.00
Livestock Exported.	
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Sheep	6,491,825.00
Sheep	8,000,000.00
15 000	1,500,000.00
Swine 5,000	50,000.00
Swine	16,041,825.00
Wool exported, pounds,33,637,000	
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Walna of agricultural products. exhauted and consumed at home constitution	18,000,000.00
I Value of manufactures	1,490,000,00
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Total value of Wyoming products in 1907	61,928,593.00

BY GEORGE S. WALKER.

printed in these columns a year ago to day, and telling of the progress made in Wyoming during the year 1906, could well apply to the advancement in all Ines of business in this state during the year 1907, only greater strides were made in some directions than were recorded in 1906. At the close of las year it was thought that Wyoming had nade a record growth and development in twelve months, but the accompany ing statement of exports of livestock wool, hay and agricultural products, ir rigation development, production of the mines, etc., shows that last year's rec ord has been eclipsed. This increase i slight in some instances, but large i thers, the whole showing that Wyo ming is at last coming into her own, and can now take her place among the sisterhood of great and wealthy states. Small in population, but great in area and rich in natural resources, is a statement often applied to this young state, In 1906 and to it this year may be added th wonderful development of the same, an the prediction for even a greater growth in the future.

#### Coal Forced to Second Place.

For many years Wyoming's coal min ing business was its greatest industry but in spite of the rapid growth of coa production of over six and one-half million tons, coal mining is second to livestock growing. Indeed the raisers of cattle, sheep, horses, mules and hogs produce almost as much again in dollars and cents as the coal mines of the state, and many writers have predicted that even livestock raising in this state is in its infancy, that the ranges have only been scratched over, and that with the settlement of the valleys by farmers the production of livestock will show

#### still greater increase. Sheep Step Ahead of Cattle.

Livestock growing is Wyoming's greatest industry, and of this particular business, that of raising sheep and the growing of wool ranks first. The year 1906 witnessed the passing of the cattle business from first to second place, and during the year just closed the sheep usiness not only maintained the lead, but increased the same over the cattle business. This has been brought about by the changed conditions, greater profits in the sheep business and the withdrawal of many stockmen from the cattle business and their engaging in the sheep and wool business. Satisfactory progress has been made, however, in the cattle business, for during the past year, while probably not quite so many cattle were marketed, better prices were obtained on the average than during the year 1906, and the prospects for the future are very encouraging to the cattle-

## Banner Sheep State of the Union.

While the sheep business leads all ther industries in Wyoming, it also leads the balance of the United States, and for the first time in the history of the business Wyoming is now the ban-ner sheel and wool state of the union, having passed Montana, which has been at the head for many years, during the past twelve months. Starting with one buck and a few ewes in the early eighties, Wyoming has rapidly increased her sheep holdings until now there are being grazed in this state approximate ly 5,000,000 sheep. Range conditions are ideal, scabies has been eradicated, the sheep are in splendid condition, and with hundreds of thousands of tons of hay in the stack for feeding during stormy weather, the indications are that Wyoming will increase her lead over her rival, Montana, during the next

## Number and Valuation of Sheep.

The number of sheep in the state at the present time, the number of shee and lambs exported and their value, th number imported and their value, and the number of pounds of wool pro-duced during the year 1907, showing comparison with 1906, as compiled by the state poard of sheep commissioners

lollows.	No. of	Valu-
County.	Sheep.	ation.
Albany	120,043	\$ 540,193
Big Horn	296,602	1,334,769
Carbon	506,447	2,279.011
Converse	464,902	-2,092,059
Crook	195,968	881,556
Fremont	377,238	1,647,596
Johnson	333,130	1.499,085
Laramie	157,714	809,713
Natrona	723,426	3,205,441
Sheridan	122,142	549,639
Sweetwater	515,085	2,317,883
Tinta	457,826	2,060,218
Weston	251,755	1,132,598
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County. Sheep.	Bucks.	Total	
Albany 65,518	1,161	66,679	\$ 342,16
Big Horn 6,581	120	6,701	34,40
Carbon 8,000	2,537	11,070	74,37
Converse 17,058		19,975	121,75
Crook 53,036	2,298	55,534	293,90
Fremont 2,763	1.181	3,944	28,57
Johnson 20,000		- 20,201	102,51
Laramie 1,453	277	1,730	10,72
Natrona 10,000		12,252	78,15
Sheridan 12,478	319	12,797	66,37
Sweetwater 3.825	747	4,572	28,46
Tinta 46,995	1.086	48.081	248,55
Weston 9,051	422	9,473	50,53
Totals,257,291	15,518	272,809	\$1,480,42
Imported during	- X	clai	
1905211.810	11,402	223,212	\$ 892,84
1906 309,597	14.225	323,822	1,376,243

Monthly Exports of Sheep and Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 26.-The story Lambs From Wyoming During

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-	1907.				w3
e d ll	Oct. 15 to Nov., 1906	31, 1906	299,771	Valuation. \$1,500,496.25 1,390,291.20 44,426.75	
e		*********		26,969,10	
-	Feb., 1907		0.043	26,978.69 76,489,25	
d	April, 1904	07	15,239	72,385.25	
t		**********		40,194.50 33,253.10	
*	July, 1907		13,540	64,315.00 544,473.50	
2		907	308,186	1,423,883.50	
e	Oct. 1 to	15, 1907	270,242	1,243,649.00	
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During the Year 1907, as Compared With 1906.

e	In 1907 1,366,700	6,491,825.00	
d	Wool Exporte	d	
h	pounds. In 1906	Valuation. 7,253,225.00	
	In 1907		
1-	Wyoming Jan. 1,	16,104,380.00	
у,	Number of sheep in Wyoming Jan. 1,		
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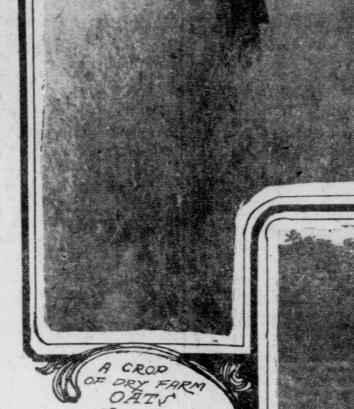
Mint of Money In Cattle. There are at the present time apwere valued at approximately \$8,000,000. Walcott, in Carbon county, and prop-

the growers. about 5,000 swine, returning to the state about \$50,000

## Increase of Coal Mining.

What was at first believed to be a evere blow to the coal mining busi- reach 6,550,000 tons. ess of the state may prove a blessing. The withdrawal of coal lands from entry and the declaration of the Union

mine coal for their own consumption, and inasmuch as the railroads have for years drawn upon Colorado, Missouri and other states for a portion of rado Fuel & Iron company, produced up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the dissection of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the Union Pa



Sheep and Lambs. Valuation. fion lines, and as there is a constantly increasing demand for the Wyoming product, it is only fair to assume that Wyoming's output of coal will continue to increase during the next few years at least, as it has in the past.

#### Chief Among New Mines.

Chief among the new mines may be mentioned the Rock Springs-Gibraltar, near Rock Springs; the old Almy mines, near Evanston, reopened; the Willow Creek mines, near Kemmerer the Indian mines, in Fremont county proximately 800,000 cattle in the state, the Gebo properties, in Big Horn counvalued at \$20,000,000. During 1907 the ty; the Kooi mines, near Sheridan, in shipments of cattle from this state Sheridan county; the Ryan mine, near Something like 15,000 horses were erties near Clark, in northwest Big, shipped from the state during the year, Horn county. Other smaller properties returning approximately \$1,500,000 to are being developed in almost every

county in the state. The hog industry is growing, and The reports of the state coal mine nspectors are not available at this

## Big Increase in Iron.

Second to coal in importance in Wyo-1908, led many to believe that the rise, Chicago and Hartville, in the land in the Iron Mountain district. The districts, and the Copper Mountain the largest ones must suffice. production of coal would show a con-siderable falling off for a few years, though large deposits of iron have been that the district, also in Fremont county, at-though large deposits of iron have been that the district, also in Fremont county, at-though large deposits of iron have been that the district, also in Fremont county, at-though large deposits of iron have been that the district, also in Fremont county, at-though large deposits of iron have been that the district, also in Fremont county, at-though large deposits of iron have been that the district, also in Fremont county, at-though large deposits of iron have been that the district, also in Fremont county, at-though large deposits of iron have been that the district, also in Fremont county, at-though large deposits of iron have been that the district, also in Fremont county, at-though large deposits of iron have been that the district, also in Fremont county, at-though large deposits of iron have been that the district, also in Fremont county, at-though large deposits of iron have been that the district, also in Fremont county, atbut a number of companies, backed by located at Iron mountain, a few miles manufacture their own steel rails and small shipments of gold were made, works in the world in this state. They private capital, have jumped into the north of Cheyender, and also in the vi- other railroad iron, and that the ore is however, the operators confining their are what are known as the Shoshon breach and new properties are being opened in several counties in the state.

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their supply, it is believed the compa- approximately 700,000 tons of ore, all of trict, and thence to a connection with ny mines can be operated in the future as in the past, and with the railroads Pueblo. This ore, for the most part, steel mills are to be established. consuming the entire output, and with was mined with giant steam shovels, importations cut off, there should be which scooped the earth from the hills no decrease in the production of these and loaded it on the cars with practi-

their output.

## Harriman Enters the Game.

## Other Metals Lie Dormant.

Wyoming produced more of the preproperties. The new companies are cally small expense and a few men. cicus metals during the year than durbeing encouraged by the transporta- Shaft mining is now in progress in the ing the preceding twelve months, but

writing, and accurate information as to district, but water flooding the mines at that the output falls far short of expenditure for irrigation work during the output of coal in 1907 is not available. From reliable sources it is ficials of the fuel company and the ago, when the mines in the Atlantic 900,000. learned that the total output will ex-ceed that of 1906 and will probably 1908 the mines will greatly increase districts were making regular ship-the state engineer asserts they are as

# year many new properties were estab- planned for the ensuing two years. lished, and old ones reopened. Especi-

oughs of Spokane bought up large in western Nebraska. cers and mining experts proved that cost of approximately \$3,000,000. the ground carried gold in paying

The copper mines of the Grand En-

per is valued at about \$450,000.

period is over \$4,000,000, which means

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expenditure of \$8,000,000, or a total

ments of bullion. During the past nothing compared with what has been extension of its Cheyenne-Orin Junction It would require an entire page of a A significant move was made recent- ally was this true of gold properties. New Year's edition to enumerate each is \$180,000, and this is being paid off Pacific Coal company that it would ming mining is that of iron. The only by when agents of the Harriman lines Senator C. D. Clark and others did con- one of these many irrigation enterease mining commercial coal on Jan. producing mines are located at Sun-secured options on large tracts of iron siderable work in the Fremont county prises, and brief reference to a few of

Pathfinder enterprise, in Sweetwater, The Red canyon gold places created Natrona, Converse and Laramie counthe sensation of the year. The Greentracts of placer ground near Lander, about half completed, and a large acreand it was announced there were sev- age will be brought under water next eral millions of dollars in sight. Near sping. Here will be constructed the the close of the year came the an-largest dam in the world, and when the nouncement that the placers had been works are complete, a total area of salted, but investigation by state offi- 175,000 acres will be reclaimed at a

The Pathfinder provides for a big dam on the Sweetwater river, in central Wyoming, and a number of diver-

erations during the year, and he smel-ming and western Nebraska. The dam ter of the Penn-Wyoming Copper is now up thirty feet. The works will company at Grand Encampment cost, when complete, approximately made regular shipments of bar copper \$3,500,000, and will supply water for to the refineries. The output of cop- 400,000 acres of land.

#### Private Irrigation Schemes.

Irrigation received a great impetus during the year, many thousands of Among the leading private enter-acres of new land were brought under prises may be mentioned the Wyoming litches and cultivation, and many Central Irrigation company, reclaim ing the ceded portion of the Wind riles of additional canals were built. Ing the ceded portion of the Wind River reservation, in central Wyothe statement that during the past two years work has been started, and in the largest irrigation system owned by many instances the enterprises have private capital in the country; the Orebeen completed, calling for a total expenditure of more than \$35,000,000. During this period permits have been canals, the Hanover canal, all in Big granted for 1,777,218 acres. These per- Horn county; the Sarah canal in Johnmits provide for canals having a total son county; the Lake De Smet enterlength of 3,579 miles, the cost of which prise in Sheridan county; the Eden enapproximate \$9,489,824, which, terprise in Sweetwater county, and many others. when all reclamation expenses are included, will approach \$27,000,000. The

cluded, will approach \$27,000,000. The total cost of reservoirs started, completed or planned during the same structed by private capital, is that of the La Prele Ditch & Reservoir company of Converse county. The concern takes a canal from La Prele creek and will reclaim 30,000 acres of fertile land near Douglas. The company is constructing a dam costing \$200,000, and the entire project will cost nearly half a million dollars. A large acreage has already been sold, and a portion will be reclaimed the coming seasor

Among the established enterprises is that of the Wheatland Development company at Wheatland, in the northern part of Laramie county. Here land is elling at from \$40 to \$75 per acre, large crops are produced, and there is a nevr-failing water supply.

During the past year marked progress vas made in developing several oil fields in Wyoming. In the Salt Creek fields, northwest of Casper, in Natrona county, new wells were brought in, and the refinery at Casper was worked overtime. In the Popo Agie fields, near Lander, several additional wells were brought in. In the Douglas fields, in Converse county, operations were continued, and in the Uinta county fields several producing wells were added to the list. In Big Horn county oil and gas were struck in several places near Garland, and in Crook county additional wells were brought in. Like coal oil is found in almost every county in the state, and some day the oil industry will be one of the state's chief wealth

#### Important Railroad Building.

The railroads are doing their share loward bringing prosperity and increased population to the state. During the year there was a total of 168 miles of new road constructed in the state. This mileage was divided be-tween the Union Pacific branch lines and double tracking, spurs to coal mines, etc. During the coming year the Laramie, Hahn's Peak & Pacific will be extended into Colorado, the Saratoga & Encampment, built during the year from Walcott, on the Union Pacific, to Saratoga, will be extended to Grand Encampment and possibly into colorado. The Burlington will extend its Worland-Kirby-Thermopolis on into the interior of the state, and will build another line northwesterly into Montana from the Taluca-Cody branch. The

The bonded indebtedness of Wyoming

at the rate of \$20,000 per year.	The ar
nual income of the state gover	nment
about \$700,000, as follows:	
General tax\$	297,740
Sale of lands donated by con-	
gress	14,618
Interest on land funds	10,718
Lease of lands donated by con-	
gress	124,581
State game licenses	16,303
Forest reserves	16,000
Sheep inspection and indem-	
nity fund	12,643
Inheritance tax	1,880
Escheated estates	1,635
Interest on deposits (state	diam'r.
moneys)	2,912
From all other sources	301,964
Tax on coal output	180,000

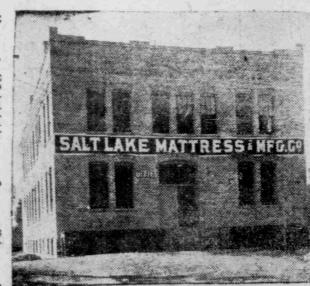
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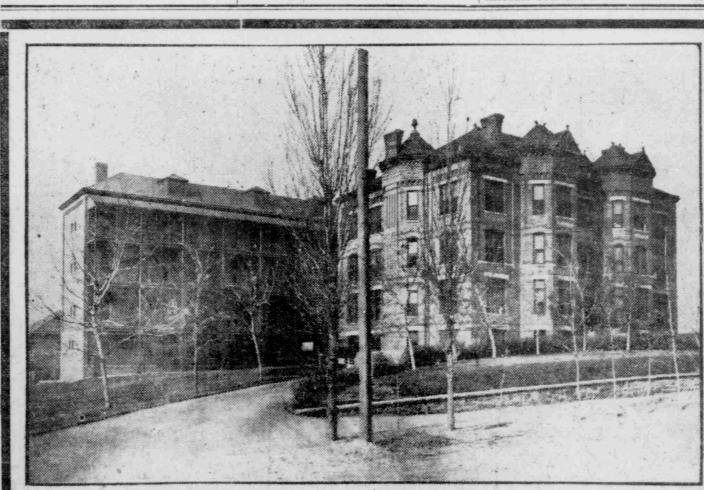
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